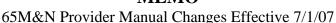


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Date: June 1, 2007

Providers of Child and Family Behavioral Health Treatment Services (65M) and To:

Community-Based Treatment for Children Without Permanency (65N)

From: DHHS and Beacon Health Strategies Changes to the 65M&N Provider Manual RE:

In the year since 65M&N Services began, there has been tremendous work and progress by all of us who work for the well-being of Maine's children and families. DHHS and Beacon recognize and truly appreciate the hard work providers have done to learn, implement and improve these intensive home and community-based treatment services.

In our commitment to continuous quality improvement, please note the following changes to the 65M&N utilization review process:

- 1. Revisions to the 65M&N Provider Manual in the UR process. These revisions are being made to improve the accuracy of authorization requests, and to ensure that levels of clinical involvement in 65M&N Services can be accurately authorized and measured.
- 2. **Revised Clinical Review Form for 65M&N Services.** This single form will be used in place of four distinct forms, and is designed to be completed much more rapidly by providers. The goal is that this form can streamline and simplify the utilization review process for providers.
- 3. Assessment Authorization Change Request Form for 65M&N Services. This form is now required, in circumstances in which a provider wishes to request a change in the assessment authorization. Changes that can be requested are to extend the last covered day and/or to increase units authorized.

These revisions and the required use of these forms take effect July 1, 2007

Please contact your Beacon Regional Clinical Team Lead or Eric Meyer at 1-800-807-7921, if you have any questions.

Thank you for your commitment to the children and families of the State of Maine. Sincerely,

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